

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0985A  
Dominic WALSH et al. : **Confirmation No. 7371**  
Serial No. 10/539,348 : Group Art Unit 1793  
Filed May 2, 2006 : Examiner Devang R. Patel  
METAL OR METAL OXIDE POROUS : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
MATERIAL AND CATALYST, PREPARED  
BY USE OF DEXTRAN OR RELATED  
SOLUBLE CARBOHYDRATE POLYMER  
AS AN AGENT TO FORM POROUS  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL  
ARCHITECHTURES FROM METAL SALTS  
OR PREFORMED PARTICLES

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 23, 2009, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with the fee submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: